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SUBJ: PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI ON DJIBOUTI

REF: SANA 0237

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI ON FEBRUARY 13
IN TAIZ, AL-HAMDI REITERATED TO ME WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
HEARING FOR ALMOST A YEAR FROM OTHERS IN THE YEMENI
GOVERNMENT,
I.E. YEMEN WILL SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE OF
DJIBOUTI AND PREFERS A FRENCH PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI IF AT
ALL POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT
STATE THERE. AL-HAMDI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DJIBOUTI
MIGHT BECOME A CASUS BELLI BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA
WHICH WOULD FURTHER INFLAME THE CURRENT UNSTABLE SITUATION
IN THE HORN. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED THAT THIS WOULD
PUT THE SOVIETS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION SINCE THEY ARE
NOW SUPPORTING BOTH REGIMES BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY, THE
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SOVIETS, SEE AS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ENTRENCH
THEMSELVES FURTHER IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

2. AL-HAMDI SAID THAT YEMEN IS HOPING TO SEE DJIBOUTI
BECOME A MEMBER STATE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND IN THIS
WAY BE ASSURED ITS INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMMENT: THIS HAS BEEN STANDARD YEMENI POLICY ON

DJIBOUTI WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS ALSO CONVEYED TO THE
FRENCH UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TETANGER WHO WAS HERE RECENTLY.
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